

# SEXUAL ABUSE

## What you and your child should know...



- 60-80% of reported child sexual assault cases are committed by someone the child knows.
- 95-97% of the offenders are predominantly male, ranging from 17 to 68 years of age.
- Child sexual predators tend to victimize children of their own race.
- Victims generally range from infants to under 17 years of age. Boys are of preference.
- A 1995 Quebec Gov. study indicated that there are 8 girls for every 2 boys who are victims of sexual assault.
- Victims are often young, inexperienced with low self-esteem, craving love and affection (22% are under 6).
- Pedophiles engage the targeted child by persuasion, threats and bribes rather than physical force.
- According to the U.S. Dep. of Justice, there is approximately 4 million practicing Pedophiles in the U.S.A.
- By the time a Pedophile is arrested, they have generally molested 35 to 50 children.

The following pointers were taken from Mr. Manoli's 180 page street-proofing manual entitled 'Street Safe Kids.' The manual accompanies the 9 hour hands-on street-proofing course for children and parents. The interactive simulation oriented program was rated by 'The Missing Children's Network Canada' as one of the most comprehensive self-defense and street-proofing courses available. Does your child know the following?

1. Do they know... **Their address, phone number, area code and how to make long-distance calls?**
2. Do they know... **After dialing 9-1-1 or '0,' if danger approaches, to leave the phone off the hook & hide?**
3. Do they know... **How to properly and safely answer the phone and door - especially when home alone?**
4. Do they know... **What to do if separated from you in a public place? Do you have a lost & found plan?**
5. Do they know... **Their secret family code word in case someone tries to pick them up on your behalf?**
6. Do they know... **To ask permission before doing anything or going anywhere?**
7. Do they know... **That child molesters are generally very nice & friendly when they lure a child?**
8. Do they know... **The difference between 'good' and 'bad' touches and 'okay' and 'tell' secrets?**
9. Do they know... **The importance of walking with a buddy and taking the same route home?**
10. Do they know... **To follow their instincts (funny feelings, small voice) and to act upon them?**
11. Do they know... **They can say 'NO!' to anyone and move away if that person tries to touch them?**
12. Do they know... **To be friendly, polite and no dialogue between themselves and unfamiliar people?**
13. Do they know... **To stay out of reach of unfamiliar people approaching them (at least 3 steps)?**
14. Do they know... **Who to approach for help, what to do and say when seeking assistance?**
15. Do they know... **How to effectively resist if grabbed, lifted or dragged away (Drop to floor screaming)?**
16. Do they know... **How to attract attention using verbal, passive and physical resistance strategies?**
17. Do they know... **How to hide effectively and seek assistance aggressively if abducted?**
18. Do they know... **To tell and keep telling, till someone listens and helps them with their problem?**
19. Do they know... **It is not their fault they got attacked, even though they might feel it was?**
20. Do they know... **That you love them, care for them and will do whatever it takes to protect them?**